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SUBJECT: DRAFT JOINT FINAL COMMUNIQUE/PRESS STATEMENT
FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ROMANIA

ISLAMABAD FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER

PARIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

LONDON FOR COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE/PRESS
STATEMENT FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ROMANIA. SEPTTEL
WITH RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIANS
FOLLOWS.

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2. AT THE INVITATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND MRS. KISSINGER PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA NOVEMBER 3-4. SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, WHO HOSTED A DINNER IN HIS HONOR. THE SECRETARY ALSO CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER MANEA MANESCU AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM AS WELL AS WITH OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA.

3. THIS VISIT TOOK PLACE NOT LONG AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON. SUCH FREQUENT HIGH LEVEL VISITS ARE CONSIDERED A SIGNIFICANT REFLECTION OF THE EXISTING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AS THEY PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUTUALLY INFORMATIVE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS.

4. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES FOCUSED BOTH ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ON VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

5. THE TWO SECRETARIES REAFFIRMED THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE JOINT STATEMENT OF DECEMBER 5, 1973, AGREEING THAT THOSE PRINCIPLES PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS FOR LONG-TERM COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

6. THE INTERNATIONAL ISSUES DISCUSSED INCLUDED THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN MANY AREAS OF THE WORLD. THERE WAS A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWPOINTS ABOUT CYPRUS AND THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION WERE ALSO EXAMINED. IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF THESE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS, THE TWO SIDES EXPLAINED THEIR POSITIONS IN A FRANK AND FRIENDLY SPIRIT OF MUTUAL RESPECT. THEY AGREED THAT SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS CURRENTLY FACING THE WORLD COMMUNITY MUST BE PURSUED ON THE BASIS OF RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND EQUALITY OF ALL STATES, REGARDLESS OF THE DIVERGENCE OR SIMILARITY OF THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATIONS.

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7. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE RECENT REMARKABLE GROWTH IN TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH IN 1974 MAY APPROACH \$500 MILLION. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS TO TRADE SHOULD BE LIFTED, AND PROSPECTS FOR THIS WERE ASSESSED AS FAVORABLE. PROSPECTS FOR MORE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE CONSIDERED PROMISING.

8. A NEW, LONG-TERM AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IS SOON TO BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE US. SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU EVALUATED POSITIVELY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA AND DEEMED PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER EXPANSION FAVORABLE.

9. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT INCREASING TRADE, TRAVEL AND COOPERATION OF ALL KINDS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH, AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE

CONTINUING EXAMINATION OF WAYS IN WHICH THESE CAN BE FURTHER INCREASED AND FACILITATED.

10. FINALLY, THE TWO SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, PRESIDENT FORD WILL VISIT ROMANIA. THE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE AT A MUTUALLY AGREED TIME. INGERSOLL

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